



Rotaract Review

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A Note From the President

A wise man once said . . .
**NOTHING VENTURED,
 NOTHING GAINED.**



If for some reason this wise statement sounds vaguely familiar to you, hopefully it is because you recently read this on the front cover of your invitation to A Venture Café - an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and jazz sponsored by the Birmingham Venture Club in association with the Rotaract Club of Birmingham. The Venture Club asked to partner with Rotaract on this because they were interested in reaching out to young professionals in Birmingham, and in particular, to our club.

For those of you who are not entrepreneurs or venture capitalists, you may be wondering what exactly is the Venture Club. Since 1985, the Birmingham Venture Club has been focusing on just one goal: creating an atmosphere that encourages entrepreneurial development and investment. They do this by educating interested persons about the purpose and benefits of venture capital, creating a network for the exchange of information between investors, entrepreneurs and professionals serving these groups, and stimulating investment capital for ventures that are developed in the Birmingham community.

The Venture Club encourages and promotes new businesses, new jobs and ultimately new economic strength in Birmingham - something we can all support. Additionally, its membership comprises more than just entrepreneurs and venture capitalists. Membership includes accountants, attorneys, financial advisors, representatives of government business support programs, corporate managers, business academics, other business advisors and anyone else interested in promoting entrepreneurship and economic development in Birmingham.

So now that you know what the Venture Club supports, I hope you are as thrilled as I am about partnering with them on November 8th for A Venture Café. This is an opportunity for Rotaract members to network with and learn from some of the top business leaders in our community. In addition, the tenants of the Innovation Depot and various members of the UAB community have been invited as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for Rotaract (and its members) to introduce itself to another facet of the Birmingham community, and when opportunity knocks . . . you must open the door! Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained!

See you on Thursday!

Warm regards,

April

Look Inside for ...

PROGRAMS

LUNCHEON

November 6th
 Robin Meador-Woodruff

LUNCHEON

November 20th
 Jim P. Hayes, Jr.

SOCIAL

VENTURE CLUB SOCIAL

November 8th

WINE AUCTION

November 2nd

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to welcome the following new member:

Chris Smith

Rotaract Vision

Be the premier civic club whose members, alumni, and sponsors lead the organizations that comprise a world-class community.

Rotaract Mission

Rotaract provides an opportunity for Birmingham's young professional leaders to promote responsible citizenship, develop professional skills, and employ effective leadership by offering venues to learn from proven leaders, network with committed young professionals and serve the needs of the community.

Membership Spotlight on

Name: Hallie Bradley
Company: Alabama Power Company
Hometown: Birmingham, AL



the Girls Inc. project for Children's Empowerment Week. Everything came together and we had a great service project.

Most Embarrassing moment or a nickname: Unfortunately I have too many embarrassing moments to choose from, however being an identical twin lends itself to many interesting stories. My sister, Sarah Bales also a Rotaract member, convinced me to attend one of her classes for her. What she did not tell me was it was a physical fitness class. I spent the entire class running around trying to pretend like I had done it all before.

What do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy painting and drawing in any medium, mostly acrylic and watercolor. I also like to read. My list keeps on growing! I also play golf and enjoy spending time with family, friends and my dog Annie.

Briefly describe a typical day in your life as a young professional: I am in a professional development program in External Affairs with Alabama Power. Currently, I am working in Environmental Affairs and each day has a new challenge.

What's the best vacation you've ever taken? My sister and I went to Europe for two and a half weeks after college graduation. It was amazing to experience different cultures and see all the landmarks and art you have read about your entire life.

How did you come to join Rotaract? I had several friends who were members and they invited me to attend the Gala last year and several lunch meetings.

Please describe the benefits you have seen of Rotaract for a young professional. Rotaract has allowed me to meet so many new people. It has been wonderful to get involved in new service projects and events in Birmingham. I am excited to see the future of Rotaract and its impact on the city.

What has been the most memorable moment during your time with Rotaract? Working on

Tell us one thing most others wouldn't know about you. I can not cook. I have tried several times but I end up burning everything I touch. I now just use my oven for extra kitchen storage.

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Pictures from October Social



Happy Birthday to our November Birthdays



- Enid Dean - Nov 4th
- Leigh Nicholson - Nov 18th
- Robby Hayes - Nov 19th
- Michael Kassouf - Nov 20th
- Andrew Petrofsky - Nov 20th
- Eve Rhea - Nov 20th
- Ali Louis - Nov 20th
- Eric Rogers - Nov 23rd
- Matt Goforth - Nov 26th
- Paul Roess - Nov 29th

VENTURE CLUB SOCIAL EVENT, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

"A Venture Cafe"

Presented by

The Birmingham Venture Club
in association with

The Rotaract Club of Birmingham

Hosted at

The Innovation Depot

Thursday, November 8, 2007

The Innovation Depot 1500 First Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35203

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Live music by The Heritage Band

Food and Full Bar by The Culinary

Attire is Business Casual

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BE WISE. JOIN US.